Rocks News

By CASSIE BALDWIN

It is quite cold here again Rain sleet and snow.

Lisa Carol Mitchell who is in Hawaii called her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ranson of Pamplin on Friday night, wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Congratulations to Darrell Conner who won the birthday cake over WTTX recently.

Christopher Goin was quite sick a few days last week. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goin of Pamplin and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hamlin of Pamplin.

A very large crowd attended the funeral of Mrs. Ruby Lewis at Red Oak Church Saturday afternoon.

Cassie Baldwin was notified Saturday of the death of her cousin, Ruth Turner Baldwin of Lynchburg. She had been ill for several years in the hospital. She was the wife of Grover Baldwin of Pamplin who has passed away.

A number attended the Senior Play at Appomattox High School on Friday night.

Mrs. Addie Ramsey fell at Mrs. Jeannie Ramsey's home on Friday night twice and was rushed to a hospital in Lynchburg. Get well wishes go out to her.

Mrs. Mazie Tolbert of Pamplin was taken to Southside Hospital in Farmville on Saturday. A speedy recovery is wished her.

The Christmas store at Bedner's in Keysville was a great success again this year on Tuesday. Twenty-five went there.

Mrs. Bennet of Danville was over night guest of Rev. and Wes Williams on Sunday for the parsonage open house on Sunday and for the hanging of the greens and the candle service that night.

Quite a few visitors were present at the service that night and for the open house.

A sad gloom was cast over the community Tuesday morning when news came that Divaol Garrett had passed away.

Sympathy is extended his family, mother, sister and brother and relatives.

Schools in Appomattox were closed on Wednesday because of snow.

Mrs. Slayton is back home from the hospital.

Divalo Garrett was carried to the hospital early Monday morning. May he have a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach were in Farmville Saturday morning.

Roy Lacado is home from the hospital. May he have a speedy recovery.

Several Ruritan members attended a Ruritan meeting at Blackstone recently.

A number of AARP members attended a Christmas dinner at the Pamplin Methodist Church on Tuesday.

The Pamplin Cannery closed on Wednesday for this season.

Congratulations to Donnie Roach of Rt. 1, Appomattox, who killed a 5 point buck near Hixburg a few days ago.

Those on the honor roll from ACHS for the second six weeks around here were: Michael Richardson a junior, Susan Morris a junior, and Patty Roach, also a junior, Timmy Almond a sophomore, Malcolm Miller, Dianne Harvey, Donna Dickerson, freshmen.

A large number attended the funeral of Divalo Garrett on Thursday afternoon at Robinson Funeral Home.

Farmers were on the tobacco market this week selling tobacco. Some not satisfied with the prices.

Doug Jennings is back in the hospital for surgery.

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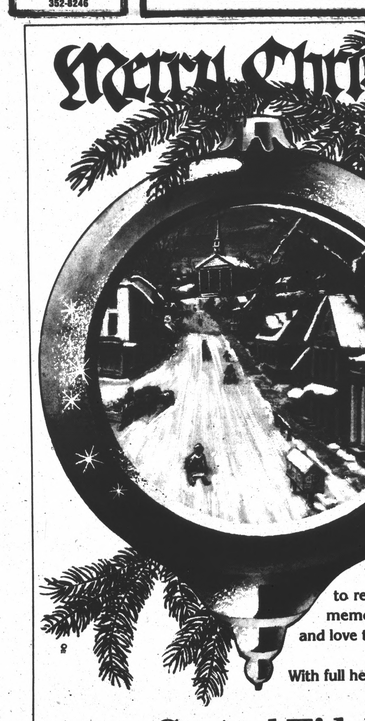
it more abundantly.
I thank you & praise God for each
of you in your own way,
How you have blessed my life.

I thank each of you for all that you have done for me in the past and pray to God that I may have helped to bring some Joy & Happiness to your life as you have to mine.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your Friend
Steve



Merry Christmas

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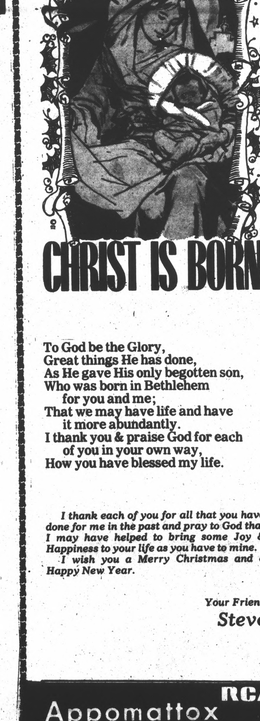

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Events of 1981, as reported in the T-V

By BILL SHERROD

The year 1981 saw national news events ranging from the attempted assassinations of President Reagan and Pope John Paul II, to the release of 52 U. S. hostages in Iran.

Locally, 1981 was a newsy year, as well. Following are some news highlights from the year, taken from the front pages of the **Times-Virginian.**

January

The year started on a bright note for Don and Brenda Chandler, whose eight-pound, 11-ounce son, Aaron Kenneth, was the first Appomattox County baby of the year.

In the Jan. 14 issue of the **Times-Virginian,** Appomattox readers learned that Dana McGrath, a senior at the county high school, has been named "Miss State Fair 1981" at a pageant in Richmond.

In that issue also, readers learned of the tragic fire which destroyed the home and belongings of Bill and Robin Britton, and of the way in which the people of Appomattox County rallied to help the town manager and his wife.

The Jan. 21 issue of the paper featured on its front page a photo of Becky Johnson and a large yellow ribbon tied around an oak tree in her front yard in celebration of the release of 52 U.S. hostages in Iran, and the end of that dark chapter in U. S. history.

February

Times-Virginian readers learned of County officials' thoughts on the idea of zoning in Appomattox County in the Feb. 4 issue. The mixed reviews which newly introduced NOW accounts had received at local financial institutions were also explored in that week's paper.

Local merchants Roy Franklin and Ron Coleman announced their desire to purchase the floundering Appomattox cablevision franchise in the Feb. 11 issue of the paper, and in the Feb. 18 issue of the paper, readers learned that the Red House Volunteer Fire Department fire hall was well on the way to becoming a reality, following a $10,000 donation by the late Len Elder.

The county was saddened Feb. 18 with news of the death of Frank Chuchek, retired school administrator, at the age of 70. In that same issue, readers learned that a commercial film company was on location in Appomattox filming a docu-drama on the final four days of the Civil War.

March

The Appomattox Mayor and Council granted a 60-day extension to the Arco Cablevision franchise, according to the March 4 issue of the **Times-Virginian,** in order to allow time for local merchants Roy Franklin and Ron Coleman to study the feasibility of purchasing the cable television business.

In the March 11 paper, Transco and its impact on the county were examined in a story citing the company's 30th anniversary in Appomattox.

The March 18 issue featured a story on the school board's approval of a $5,269,494 budget for the 1981-82 school year. Teachers in the county were not happy with the pay increase they received in the budget, according to an informal poll conducted by members of the Appomattox County Education Association.

A simple but efficient and workable redistricting plan was unveiled in the March 25 issue of the paper. The plan involved merely moving two voting precincts into different electoral districts. In that issue, as well, readers learned that the Holiday Lake 4-H Center had received a $2,500 donation from the Westvaco Corporation.

April

April dawned with a story about a new superintendent of the national park at the old Appomattox Court House. John B. Montgomery was appointed to replace Luis E. Garcia-Curbelo, former superintendent of the park. In that paper, also, it was reported that Popes Family Centers, Inc., had purchased the Ben Franklin store at Triangle Plaza.

The April 8 issue told of a truck accident on Route 460 in which a 33-year-old Altavista man, Edward Mitchell Morgan, was fatally injured.

News of the county's approval of the voting district redistricting plan greeted readers in the April 15 issue of the paper. That issue also reported on five Civil War history buffs who retraced the steps of Gen. Robert E. Lee from Petersburg to Appomattox during the final days of the Civil War.

The April 22 issue reported on a Lions Club record for money collected during the annual White Cane sale to benefit sight conservation. In that issue also, readers learned

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THE FIRST SNOW OF this season was recorded on the front page of the Times-Virginian on Nov. 25. The precipitation which has fallen on Appomattox County this fall and winter was much needed. Photo By Allen Austin

John Kent Hamilton dead at age 73

John Kent Hamilton

John Kent Hamilton, 73, prominent businessman and long time leader in church and community affairs, died at his home in Evergreen at 2:47 a.m. on Saturday, December 26.

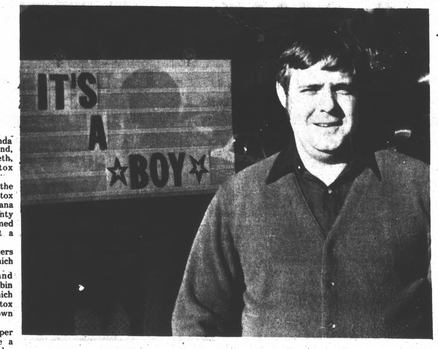
Born and reared in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late James H. Hamilton and Carrie Cawthorn Hamilton.

An active member of the Evergreen Baptist Church, he served as deacon for thirty-two years. He was a charter member of the Evergreen Ruritan Club and owner of the J. R. Hamilton General Store in Evergreen.

He served as postmaster of the Evergreen Post Office from March 1942 until his retirement at the end of August 1978.

He is survived by his wife, Roby Wooldridge Hamilton. In addition to his wife he is survived by two sons, Richard B. Hamilton of Evergreen and Donald K. Hamilton of Newport News; five grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. James H. (Lonelle) Inge of Pamplin and a stepsister, Mrs. Gladys Harvey of Evergreen.

A funeral service was conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Evergreen Baptist Church by the Reverend Edmond M. Terry, pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery.



PROUD PAPA, JACK EVANS, stands in front of The Clothesline window, in which the announcement, "It's a boy!" is proudly displayed. (Photo by Frances Paulette)

Local couple gets special 'present'

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Everybody gets presents at Christmas.....some folks get more than others. Some people even advertise their Christmas presents!

A special present was advertised at the Clothesline yesterday.

The Clothesline, a clothing store in the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center, is the result of the combined efforts of a young couple who hail from Farmville, Jack and Gay Evans.

There is a sign on the front of The Clothesline that tells passers-by that these two, Jackie and Gay, through their cooperative efforts, have produced something else special.....a brand new baby boy!

Charles Christopher Evans was born on Christmas Day at 5:35 in the Farmville hospital.

Young Chris weighed in at eight pounds, five ounces, a husky baby indeed, and it's a good thing! He has two older brothers, David 5 and Daniel 3, just waiting to "show him the ropes"!!

Jackie Evans who will have been in business in Appomattox for five years in April of '82, laughingly said, "I'm proud as can be, and you know what, it happened just in time to help me with my taxes this year!!"

Appomattox County Workshop

Child abuse examined

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Sexual child abuse is not something we like to read about, talk about or even think about, but it does exist. It has happened in Appomattox County.

A workshop on Sexual Child Abuse was held recently in the Rose Hall at the St. Anne's Episcopal Church. It was co-sponsored by the Appomattox County Department of Social Services and the Appomattox County Volunteers.

Ms. Susan Wright, Chairman of the Appomattox County Multidiscipline Team served as Chairman of the conference. The workshop focused on "Who, What, Where, When and Why....The Dynamics of Sexual Child Abuse."

Ms. Diane Walker, Child Psychologist, Central Virginia Mental Health Services was coordinator of the Sexual Abuse Task Force. In addition to Ms. Walker, other task force presenters, Ms. Candace Cowlbeck, social worker, Lynchburg Department of Social Services, and Mrs. Jack Lewis, investigator with the Lynchburg Police Department were presented to the group by Mr, Gordon Ragland, protective services specialist with the Virginia Department of Welfare, Lynchburg Region.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Jenny Fratrick, volunteer coordinator, volunteers hosting the conference were: Mrs. Rosella Harty and Mrs. Carol Bradley, registration and arrangements; Mrs. Hattie Grace Mathews, coffee and refreshments; the Rev. Harmon Smith, facility arrangements.

"Sexual child abuse is a problem that exists everywhere, across all classes and it knows no social barriers," said Mrs. Virginia Babcock, Director of the Appomattox County Department of Social Services.

"In the past," continued Mrs. Babcock, "there has been a tendency to hide the problem if it did exist. Now, with more and more emphasis being placed on the problem of child abuse, the public is becoming more and more aware of such problems and cases are being reported. If it is a girl involved, the problem usually surfaces when the girl reaches her early teens and begins to realize that what she has been forced to do is not her role as a daughter, even though she may have been told by her father or stepfather that she should do as he dictates."

According to literature from the Bureau of Child Protective Services, with children, physical force is not often used. The adult tricks the child, or takes advantage of the child's confusion about sex. In many cases, the child is told in a threatening manner not to mention the incident. Many children have the abuse repeated over and over by the same person.

Sexual abuse often happens to both girls and boys, among rich and poor, among whites and blacks, among church goers and those who are not at all religious. According to statistics, one out of every five women and one out of every eleven men have been sexually abused by the time they reach age 18.

The familiar images of "perverts", "molesters", and "dirty old men" are not accurate portraits of the majority of persons responsible for the sexual abuse of children. Statistics show that in 80 to 90 percent of the cases of sexual child abuse, the offender is known by the child or other family members.

There are a number of

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Russell Clark is new chief forester

Russell Clark of near Vera has been named Chief Forest Warden of Appomattox County, replacing David Smith, who retired last month after 24 years with the Virginia Division of Forestry.

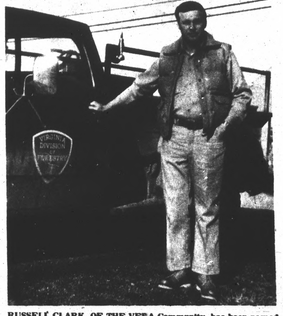
Clark, a native of West Virginia, has been in Appomattox County for three years. He and his wife, Myrna, moved here from Chesapeake, Virginia. They have two children; Amber, a junior at Appomattox County High School, and a married daughter, Crystal.

Clark has assisted the Division of Forestry here for the past two and one-half years in its prescribed-burn program and in its annual tree plantings.

In his new position, Clark will continue these activities, and he will work with fire departments, school education programs, and related educational programs.

"I am from the country, and I've always loved the outdoors," Clark said this week. "That's the reason my family and I moved here, to get away from the city."

Clark continued, "I am very pleased to have gotten this job and this opportunity to work in the outdoors for the state Division of Forestry. It's a job I know I'll enjoy doing, and one which I feel is very important to the well being of Virginia's forests."



RUSSELL CLARK, OF THE VERA Community, has been named Chief Forest Warden of Appomattox County, replacing David Smith who retired last month after 24 years with the Virginia Division of Forestry. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings. Here goes with the last column of the eventful year of 1981. Takes a lot of hindsight to appraise a year, so to those who had a good year it was a four leaf clover, and to those having misfortune it was a lemon. For most of us, there was some of each. Squeeze four leaf clovers into lemon juice and you get Life.

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Betcha you had a nice Christmas. I did not get out much. Saw no snowmen. But drove around town one night and saw many truly splendid home decorations. Glad I was not on a committee to judge, for judges have to make up their minds, and if I had that to do would award 43 first prizes. Last week I wrote that I believed in Santa Claus and now I know for sure for he came to see me. Thanks.

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Correction: Last week I mentioned that Dec. 21 was Joe Cobb's birthday. Meant the birthday of the son of the late Joe Cobb, my friend Jim Cobb.

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And in mentioning that Appomattox had no community Christmas tree I should have added that Pamplin did. Do not overlook Pamplin!

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There was a heavy frost this (Monday) morning but I will not write about it. So often I have written about the weather on Monday morning and by the time the paper came out there was an opposite situation. Let the weather man work that side of the street.

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Want to salute Andy Scruggs, one of our most civic-minded citizens. Is a member both the Rescue Squad and the volunteer fire company. Has been a fireman for thirty years! Says does not recall having to choose which of calls from each to answer at same time, but if anyone could, Andy could. Pete Doss is another star in volunteer service. Take a bow.

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The city of Roanoke starts Jan. 1 a year long observance of its 100th year as a city.

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Dennis Wayne Torrence, of Appomattox, has been elected chairman of the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District.

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One thing I noticed this year. See fewer bumper stickers.

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What to do about New Year Resolutions? One way or another, most of us make 'em. Facing the reality of performance, most of them are abandoned well before the Ides of March. Sure, I make Resolutions. For years I have resolved to clean off my desk and to clean out the basement so I can show friends my assorted collections. Maybe our resolutions are too specific, such as pertaining to smoking and one's weight. For the New Year I resolve to keep an open mind as far as possible; to do my best hour by hour and take the consequences; to meet my obligations promptly; to treasure friendships and say "thank you" often; to make another try at having a garden, to stay shed of arthritis; to be able to look anyone squarely in the eye and to be ready if the bell tolls for me.

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And finally, 1982 will need a slogan. I suggest: "These Are Things To Do, in 1982!"

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Thanks for reading and seeya around:

Power outage set

Virginia Electric and Power Company will disrupt electrical service to its Concord-area customers for approximately two hours today (Wednesday) starting at 10 a.m.

This electrical outage will affect VEPCO customers from the intersection of Highway 460 and Route 667 west.

The outage is necessary to allow VEPCO to effect repairs on the main transformer that feeds the Concord area.

At Red House

Services slated

The Red House Volunteer Fire Department will hold ceremonial dedication services this Sunday at the new fire hall building in Red House.

The building will be dedicated to the late P.L. Elder and D.C. Giles for their contributions to the department.

The event will be held Sunday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the general public is invited.

First Baby

Who will win?

Expecting mothers, take note!! The **Times-Virginian** is once again this year offering a "First Baby of the Year" contest for 1982.

A host of Appomattox County merchants are offering various prizes for the first baby of 1982. The first baby born last year was Aaron Kenneth Chandler, born Jan. 4.

Details of the contest can be found on page 7 of this week's **Times-Virginian.**

Good luck, expecting mothers!!